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SUBJECT: DR. MORGAN'S ENQUIRIES CONCERNING BAPTIST
LECTURERS.

1. I AM MUCH DISTURBED BY THIS FURTHER INSTANCE OF INDIAN BLOODY MINDEDNESS. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE PROPOSING TO COME TO INDIA FOR A SHORT PERIOD TO LECTURE ON THEOLOGICAL MATTERS IN PUBLIC FORUMS. FOR THE WORLDS GREATEST SECULAR DEMOCRACY TO HOLD UP SUCH A REQUEST IS OUTRAGEOUS, GIVEN THE WAY AMERICAN CONSULS WORK SIXTEEN HOURS DAYS SENDING INDIANS TO THE UNITED STATES TO LECTURE US.

2. AS OF FIVE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON I WAS ABOUT TO ORDER A COMPLETE HALT TO THE ISSUE OF VISAS FROM ANY OF OUR CONSULATES. DICK WHITE HAS NOW PERSUADED ME THAT THIS WOULD BE ILLEGAL. HOWEVER, I MOST URGENTLY REQUEST THAT SOMEONE IN THE DEPARTMENT GET IN TOUCH WITH DOCTOR MORGAN'S OFFICE AND SAY THAT WHILE MY POWERS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED IN THIS MATTER, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO CLOSE DOWN EVERY ONE OF OUR FOUR CONSULAR OFFICES FOR A COMPLETE PAINT JOB AND KEEP THEM CLOSED UNTIL WE HAVE AN ANSWER ABOUT HIS THREE THEOLOGIANS.

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3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, AT AMBASSADOR KAUL'S
DINNER PARTY FOR SENATOR SCOTT CONGRESSMAN HAYS TOLD ME THAT DR.
MORGAN WOULD HIMSELF PERSONALLY INTRODUCE ON THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS
AN AMENDMENT TO THE AID BILL EXCLUDING INDIA. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE
WHETHER THIS IS TRUE, BUT I DO KNOW THAT DR. MORGAN HAS PUT
THROUGH MORE AID BILLS FOR INDIA THAN ANY MAN ALIVE IN THE WORLD
TODAY, AND IT IS TIME THEY SHOWED HIM A MINIMUM OF ORDINARY
COURTESY. I WISH YOU WOULD TELL HIM I THINK SO.
MOYNIHAN

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